



U.S. Application No. 10/693,481  
Attorney Docket No. 59046.000082

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/693,481 Confirmation No.: 2531  
Applicant : Elazar RABBANI, et al.  
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Title : Novel compositions and methods for controlling the extendability of various components used in copying or amplification steps  
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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF APRIL 6, 2006**

***Mail Stop Amendment***

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 6, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") Office Action Restriction Requirement ("Office Action") mailed in the above-captioned application ("the Application") on April 6, 2005, thereby extending the period for reply up to and including August 7, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a requisite three-month extension of time fee for a small entity in the amount of \$510.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Additionally, Applicants submit the requisite fees for a small entity for the addition of one independent claim and one dependent claim in the amount of \$125.00.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 115 of this paper.

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